

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

TREE ON FORD HOTEL LOT

Co-Operation Invited in Distribution of Stockings to Poor Children.

AUTOMOBILES WILL BE NEEDED

District Chairmen to Receive Donations of Candy, Fruit and Toys With Which to Fill Stockings. Singers Invited to Join Chorus.

"Glad Tidings, Glad Tidings." The old refrain will ring out its message from the throats of 1,500 young voices, in commemoration of the stable scene upon the hills of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve in the shadow of the big Christmas tree on the old Ford Hotel lot.

The community Christmas tree celebration promises to outshine the efforts of the past this year, and busy committees are enthusiastic in declaring that every child in Richmond shall have a Christmas stocking, if they are able to reach the children. To this end they ask that any one knowing of a "kiddie" who should have one, will please send in the name.

The co-operation of the business men and individuals is urged by Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., chairman of the stocking committee who is working enthusiastically towards the success of this movement.

WANT AUTOMOBILE OWNERS TO AID IN WORK

Another urgent need is the names of automobile owners who will give the use of their cars for the distribution of Christmas stockings to the poor children on Wednesday morning. Those willing to lend their cars for a few hours to this cause should report their willingness to do so to Chairman Hirschberg of the general committee, or to Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., chairman of the stocking committee.

The purpose of giving out the stockings on Wednesday morning is to allow the children of the city time to enjoy the exercises at the giant Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

Donations of any kind, including filled stockings, fruit, candles, small toys, etc., will be gratefully received by the following chairmen of committees in the various sections throughout the city:

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN WILL RECEIVE NAMES

District No. 1—Chimborazo School and Bellevue School, Mrs. Julia B. Gay, 2720 East Broad Street, chairman of committee.

District No. 2—Springfield School and Fairmount School, Mrs. Julia B. Gay, chairman.

District No. 3—John Marshall High School, Mrs. F. M. Reed, 307 East Grace Street.

District No. 4—Baker School (colored).

District No. 5—Elba School, Mrs. J. B. Bowen, 1003 West Marshall.

District No. 6—William Fox School, Randolph School and John B. Cary School, Mrs. J. J. Phillips, 2321 Park Avenue.

District No. 7—Madison School, Mrs. George E. Browning, 116 North Avenue, Brookland Park.

District No. 8—Nicholson School, Mrs. Ida Klein, 3532 Williamsburg Avenue.

District No. 9—Powhatan School, Mrs. S. H. Bemis, 115 West Twelfth Street.

District No. 10—Highland Park School, Mrs. Paul Redd.

District No. 11—Barton Heights School, Mrs. M. M. Miller.

District No. 12—Glen Park School, Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., Hanover Apartment, chairman of general stocking committee.

D. W. Durrett, treasurer general committee, American National Bank.

Singers Invited to Join Chorus.

Musical Director Walter C. Mercer extends to all singers in Richmond an invitation to join the Christmas choir and those accepting will be provided with badges giving them the privilege of occupying a seat upon the platform especially built for the big chorus.

To fittingly augment this year's celebration, it was decided at a recent meeting of the general directors to include folk dancing as a feature of the program. A suitable stage is being erected upon which fifty pupils, under the direction of Miss M. V. Ramos, one of the teachers in the playground schools, will be dancing in native costume the popular "step" of far-away countries.

The picturesqueness of the occasion will be greatly enhanced by the presence of members of the various military companies of Richmond in uniform and the children and their parents in holiday attire.

WHAT COMMUNITY TREE MEANS TO CHILDREN

In a communication from the chairmen of committees explaining just what the occasion means these statements are made:

"Giving to such a cause as this means the presentation of sunshine and happiness in many a home where the disappointed parent, through inability to secure work, through sickness, or for some good reason, has failed in his desire to provide a Merry Christmas for the little loved ones who are anxiously awaiting to see what the Christmas stocking contains.

"It will bring a wealth of gladness to many a little child who would otherwise be forced to forget the yuletide

joys of even a year ago when home life was under different conditions and when plenty reigned instead of poverty.

"For this reason the various chairmen of committees are eager to make Community Christmas Tree this year a notable success; a result, the accomplishment of which, depends solely upon the true interpretation of 'the spirit of Christmas' as applied to those in position to give."

TOBACCO POPULAR XMAS GIFT

War Increases Demand for Crystal Humidors of Famous Pipe Tobacco.

The prominence given to tobacco in the great conflict in Europe, where it has been shown that the fragrant weed is the one thing a man prizes above everything else, has had a wide influence on the demand for tobacco as the ideal Christmas gift for the man of the house.

Local dealers say that a very popular tobacco for Christmas giving is Tuxedo, which keeps the tobacco in perfect condition. Many people choose Tuxedo because famous men have endorsed it publicly as a mild tobacco which does not sting their throats and which helps to keep them cheerful—and that is the ideal Christmas gift. The large number of ladies who are visiting tobacco stores to purchase such gifts is greatly appreciated.

FIND OLD RECORD BOOK

Charles City County Will Demand Return of Volume Held by Local People.

Persons in this city are said to be in possession of an old order or record book of Charles City County. The ancient volume covers the period of 1656, and is filled with matter pertaining to the settlement of the county. How it got away from the county is not known, but it is believed that it was stolen during the War Between the States, as several sharp engagements took place around the Charles City Court House. Commonwealth's Attorney J. M. Nance, of Charles City County, was in this city yesterday negotiating for the return of the volume, having been ordered by Judge D. Gardner Tyler to see that it was returned to its proper place among the other county records.

WILL CONTINUE COURSE

Class in Journalism Will Be Moved Into More Suitable Quarters.

Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of city schools, announced yesterday that the course in Journalism at the John Marshall Night High School would be continued in the new year. The class, however, will be moved from the present location to more suitable quarters in the Administration Building, and instead of two sections of forty minutes each, there will be one two-hour period on Monday and Tuesday nights. Frederick P. Ladd will continue as instructor.

GHOST OF AEROPLANE DESTROYED IN EUROPE?

That, or German Machine Reconnoitering, Some Kind of Aerial Visitor Has Excited Buckingham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ARVONIA, VA., December 19.—All the northeastern end of Buckingham County is excited over a most remarkable aerial visitation of some kind, which occurred on Thursday night about 10 o'clock, and created such noise that whole countryside were aroused and alarmed. Many stoutly contend that it was an aeroplane or Zeppelin, as lights were seen and after were observed, and the chug of engines could be heard. Why they were sailing at night and in such cold is a mystery. Others say they heard vast volleys of shooting in the heavens, like a company of fifty men firing simultaneously. Others say the noise was that of thunder. Several say they saw at least three distinct lights pass in the heavens.

Three men, who were passing in the road at a late hour, say they saw the air craft, and that it fell with a loud noise in a field between Arvonia and New Canton. They did not investigate the matter, but instead went in the other direction rapidly.

The phenomenon could not have been a hoax or anything like an aerial toy, as it was seen and observed over a wide extent of territory, and everywhere it created intense excitement.

Some think it was an aeroplane, others say it was a Zeppelin ship. Many who know little of geographical conditions say they are certain it was a German aircraft reconnoitering. Still others, who are superstitiously inclined, say it was a phantom airship, perhaps the ghost of one of those destroyed in the European war. The best informed think it was a most remarkable aeroplane or meteor accompanied by noise like that of shooting.

The United States Weather Bureau has been asked to investigate the matter and determine, if possible, just what the strange occurrence could have been.

Announce Marriage.

CREVE, VA., December 19.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shorter have announced the marriage of their daughter, Adelaide Marie, to Robert Allison Loyd, of Danville, December 23, in the Methodist Church. Rev. J. W. Kitchel, of South Richmond, a former pastor, will perform the ceremony.

Women's Raincoats

Women's Raincoats, made of tan poplin, absolutely waterproof and made with belt; worth \$3, special \$1.95
Women's Raincoats, in tan; black and blue poplin, belt, straps and cemented seams; worth \$5.00 and \$6, special \$3.95
Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Slippers for Xmas

Women's Felt Slippers, in red, brown and navy blue, all sizes; good leathers and well made; regularly 75c; 39c special, pair

Men's House Slippers, in black and tan leather, low and high cut style; all sizes and well made; regularly \$1.25; special, 95c pair
W's Street Floor.

Women's Sweaters

Women's Wool Sweaters, made with high roll collar; colors are navy, gray and red; fancy knit pearl buttons; worth \$3.00; \$1.95 our special price.

Women's All-Wool Sweaters, with pockets and high roll collars, red, navy and gray, fancy knit, good pearl buttons; worth \$4; \$2.95 special at

Women's Silk Hose

Women's Silk Hose, in all colors, full fashioned, double soles and high spliced heels, strong garter tops; 49c one pair in box

Women's Lustrous Silk Hose, with double soles and high spliced heels and garter tops, full fashioned, all colors; special in Xmas box \$1.00
Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Women's Kimonos

Women's Long Kimonos, in all the best materials, pretty new colorings and patterns, nicely trimmed with silk down front; priced at 95c \$13.75 down to

Women's Bath Robes, in a wide variety of patterns and colorings, made of heavy materials, long cord and full sizes; priced at \$3.50 \$1.19 to
Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Women's Waists

Women's Waists, made of crepe de chine, lace net and silk messaline, with newest style sleeves and collars, nicely trimmed and perfectly tailored; worth \$3 \$1.95 each; special at

Women's Beautiful Waists of Crepe de chine, lace net, silk messaline and fancies, with stylish sleeves and collars, well made and nicely trimmed; worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, Special at \$3.75 only
Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Christmas Gloves

Women's Chamousette Gloves, white, natural and black; extra heavy two-clasp Gloves; 35c value 25c

Women's Kid Gloves, black, white or tan, also black with white backs, white with black backs; a very smart looking Glove; \$1.00 value; 95c per pair

Every pair in a pretty Xmas box. W's Street Floor

Girls' Coats

Children's Heavy Weight Coats, made of chinchilla and astrakhan, in black, navy and brown, well trimmed; ages 8 to 14 years; worth \$6, special \$3.95

Girls' Coats, made of plush, chinchilla, astrakhan and corduroy, in good colors, nicely trimmed; ages 8 to 14 years; worth \$10 & \$15, special \$6.75
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Women's Scalloped or Hemstitched Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs; 15c value, for

Child's Boxed Handkerchiefs; another lot just received; 2 pretty white or colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs; in pretty Xmas box; a box

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen; neatly embossed initial; 2 in box for

Initial Handkerchiefs; all linen; pretty wreath embroidered initial; 3 in box, for

Initial Handkerchiefs, Shamrock cloth, neat embroidered initial; 3 in box, for

Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs; put up 3 in a pretty Xmas box; a box

Women's All-Linen Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; put up 3 in a pretty Xmas box, for a box

only 45c

Other Stores May Equal Our Prices, but Never Our Values.

Children's Coats

Children's Coats, made of heavy zibeline and astrakhan, in a good range of colors, nicely trimmed, ages 3 to 6 years; worth \$3.50, special at \$1.95

Children's Chinchilla and Astrakhan Coats, nicely trimmed and well made; a good line of colors to choose from; ages 3 to 6 years; worth \$7.50, at \$4.95
Weisberger's 2d Floor.

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Women's Suits and

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THE SUITS are made of fine quality broadcloth, gabardine, poplin, covets, in a full range of colors; the coats are fur-trimmed, and are cut in military effects, with novelty buttons; skirts are yoke pleated, with a full bottom; well tailored and perfect fitting.

Suits and Coats \$9.95

Worth \$15.00 and \$18.00 in Any Store - - -

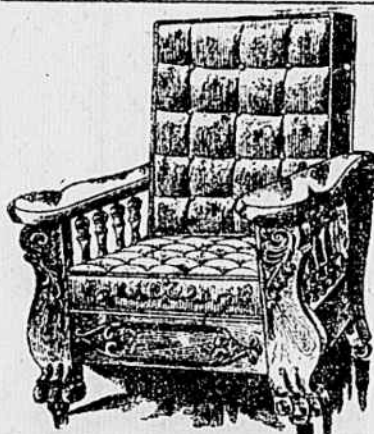
THE SUITS are made of fine serges and chevots, in brown, gray, blue, black and navy. The skirts are yoke pleated and the coats are short and long models, with velvet trim collars and cuffs; also plain, well tailored and perfect fitting; a good range of colors and select from, including extra sizes for stout women.

THE COATS are made of splendid quality corduroy, astrachans and chinchillas, also checks and mixtures, nicely trimmed at collars and cuffs, fancy novelty buttons; some crepe effects, while others are plain, well tailored and perfect in fit, with the latest style.
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Women's Coats \$4.95

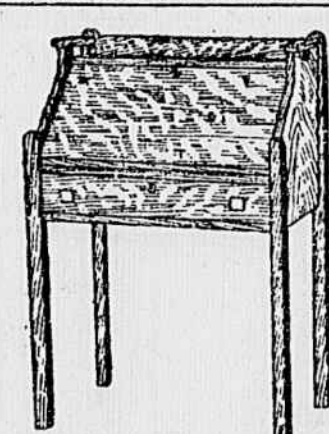
Worth \$8.75 and \$10.00 - - -

THE COATS are the product of expert workmen and designers, embracing the best and tailoring; made of astrachan, zibeline, checks, large plaids, fancy mixtures and a wide variety of desirable colors. This lot embraces both College Coats and long models of which are full lined; all are in the newest models and are nicely trimmed at collars and large novelty buttons and perfect in fit.
Weisberger's 2nd



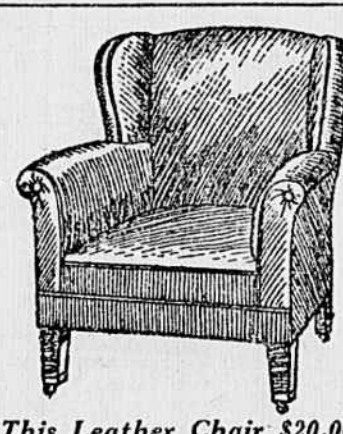
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